

HOUSE BILL 473
By Fowlkes

AN ACT to amend Chapter 289 of the Private Acts of 1965; as amended by Chapter 135 of the Private Acts of 1975 and Chapter 44 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of Lynnville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Article II, Section 2 of Chapter 289 of the Private Acts of 1965, as amended by Chapter 44 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

Beginning with the June 2005 election and every two (2) years thereafter, a regular election shall be held on the second Thursday in June of odd-numbered years for the election of a Mayor and five (5) Aldermen. In order to stagger the terms of office of the Mayor and Aldermen, at the June 2005 election the Mayor and the two (2) candidates for the office of aldermen receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve a four (4) year term of office. The three (3) candidates for the office of Aldermen receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term of office. Thereafter all terms of office shall be four (4) year terms.

SECTION 2. Article IV, Section 3 of Chapter 289 of the Private Acts of 1965, as amended by Chapter 135 of the Private Acts of 1975, Chapter 44 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

The Mayor and Aldermen shall take office at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on the 30th of June following each regular election to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. Article IV, Section 2 of Chapter 289 of the Private Acts of 1965, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the language in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 2. *Qualifications.* To be eligible for election and to continue in the office of Mayor or Alderman a person shall meet the following qualifications: (1) be a registered voter in Giles County and the Town of Lynnville; and (2) be a resident of the Town of Lynnville for six (6) months next preceding the date of the election. In addition to such qualification, to be eligible for election and to continue in the office of Alderman a person shall also be the owner of real property within the Town assessed to him for taxation in value not less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Lynnville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Town of Lynnville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.